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SUBJECT: POLISH VIEWS ON CSCE FOLLOW-UP BY ECE (UN
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE)

1. IN CALL FEBRUARY 9 ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOREY
(IO), AMBASSADOR WITOLD JURASZ, VICE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT
FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, POLISH
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EMPHASIZED POLISH VIEW THAT
CSCE AGREEMENT MUST BE FOLLOWED BY PRACTICAL STEPS WITHIN
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ECE, WHICH ORGANIZATION IS AND MUST REMAIN PRINCIPALLY DEVOTED TO EAST-WEST ISSUES.

2. AS PRACTICAL FOLLOW-UP STEPS TO CSCE, JURASZ CITED SPECIFIC AREAS OF (A) EUROPE-WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING INTEGRATED EUROPEAN ELECTRIC POWER GRID, WATERWAYS AND NORTH-SOUTH HIGHWAY (THROUGH POLAND AND BALKANS), FOR WHICH POLAND ALSO SEEKS UNDP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; (B) INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING JOINT LICENSING AND MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS WITH US FIRMS, PERHAPS LOOKING TOWARD FORMATION OF NEW ECE SUBSIDIARY BODY DEVOTED TO THIS AREA OF EAST-WEST COOPERATION; AND (C) USE OF STUDY NOW UNDERWAY BY ECE SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS ON LONG TERM REGIONAL TRENDS (TO 1990) FOR ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS, CONSONANT WITH AND AS AN EXTENSION OF UNGA RESOLUTION 3508 (WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY POLAND AND PASSED AT LAST SESSION OF UNGA).

3. JURASZ REPEATEDLY STRESSED STRONG INTEREST OF POLAND IN MAINTAINING ECE AS UNIQUE BODY WITHIN UN SYSTEM DEVOTED TO EAST-WEST ISSUES. "WE WILL DEFEND EAST-WEST CONTEXT OF ECE", HE SAID, REFERRING TO ATTEMPTS TO INVOLVE THE ORGANIZATION IN ISSUES OF MORE IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES).

4. MOREY REPLIED THAT IN TERMS OF BROAD POLICY, OUR OWN GOALS ARE SIMILAR, I.E. WE WISH TO SEE ECE REMAIN AS A FORUM FOR EAST-WEST DIALOGUE, NOT NEEDLESSLY WEIGHTED DOWN BY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, AND WE WISH TO SEE ECE TAKE PRACTICAL STEPS TO CARRY OUT THE CSCE MANDATE. HE CAUTIONED THAT IN SOME ECE PROGRAM AREAS NOT OF DIRECT CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES WE HAVE FELT THAT INITIATIVE AND DIRECTION SHOULD REMAIN PRINCIPALLY WITH THE CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MOST CONCERNED. THE EUROPEAN ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM HAS BEEN ONE SUCH AREA.

5. JURASZ INQUIRED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR CSCE FOLLOW-UP WITHIN ECE AND WAS TOLD THAT U.S. PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO WORK WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK AND TO BE AS SUPPORTIVE AS POSSIBLE OF HIS EFFORTS TO DEFINE AND CARRY OUT PROPER FOLLOW-UP ROLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR ECE. IN SPECIFIC TERMS, JURASZ WAS INFORMED U.S. HAS NOT PUT EMPHASIS ON EUROPEAN INFRASTRUCTURE, INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, OR USE OF LONG-TERM ECONOMIC TRENDS STUDY AS PRACTICAL FOLLOW-UP MEASURES TO HELSINKI ACCORD. U.S. EMPHASIS HAS BEEN IN SUCH AREAS AS EAST-WEST TRADE (INFORMATION AND FACILITATION), ENVIRONMENT (FOR EXAMPLE, TRANS-BOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION), AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

6. MOREY PROMISED THAT MORE SPECIFIC COMMENTS WOULD BE
FORTHCOMING ON POLISH PROPOSALS FOR ECE PRIOR TO 31ST
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION (MARCH 29-APRIL 9 IN GENEVA).
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